

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA
IN ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(PGDESD)**

**It is compulsory to submit the assignment before
filling in the examination form.**

(Valid from 1st January 2026 to 31st December, 2026)

Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA) for

MED-001

MED-002

MED-003

MED-004



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Dear Student,

This booklet contains the assignments for MED-001, MED-002, MED-003 and MED-004. Each course has **one** assignment, which you need to complete and send us at the given address.

There will be one assignment for each course. You have to complete the assignments on time. Assignment Submission Deadlines are as follows:

Cycle	Course	Deadlines
January	MED-001 to MED-004 MED-005 to MED-008	March 31 of the same year September 30 of the same year
July	MED-001 to MED-004 MED-005 to MED-008	September 30 of the same year March 31 of the next year

You will not be allowed to appear for the term-end examination for a course if you do not submit the assignment for each course within the deadlines given above. If you appear in the term-end examination of a course without submitting its assignment, the result of the term-end examination is liable to be cancelled/withheld. It is compulsory to submit the assignment before filling in the examination form.

The assignments constitute the continuous component of the evaluation process and have 30% weightage in the final grading. You need to score 40% marks in assignments for each course in order to clear the continuous evaluation component.

Instructions for Formatting Your Assignments

1. You should specify clearly on the first page of all your assignment responses the course code, course title, assignment code, your enrolment number, name and address in the given format:

ENROLMENT NO.:

NAME :

ADDRESS:

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COURSE CODE:

COURSE TITLE:

ASSIGNMENT CODE:

STUDY CENTRE CODE: DATE:

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND AVOID DELAY.

2. **The Assignment Response should be hand-written.** Use only A-4 or foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.

3. Leave at least 4 cm margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer sheet for the evaluator's comments.
4. Your answers should be brief, precise and in your own words. **Please do not copy the answers from the study material.**
5. Serious action will be taken if you copy the Assignment Response from any other student.
6. While answering the questions, clearly indicate the question number along with the part being answered. Recheck your work before submitting it.

We recommend that you retain a copy of your assignment response to avoid any unforeseen situation.

Send your completed assignments to: Coordinator of your Study Centre of the respective Regional Centre where you are enrolled

Please write on the envelope "**Assignment Response of**" (Course Code).

Wishing you all good luck!

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
MED-001: Understanding the Environment

Course Code: MED-001
Assignment Code: MED-001/TMA/2026
Maximum Marks: 100

Note: * **This assignment is based on the entire course.**
* **All questions are compulsory. Marks for the questions are shown within brackets on the right-hand side.**
* **Please answer in your own words; do not copy from the course material.**
* **Write the answers in about 250 words for 5 marks questions and not exceeding 500 words for 10 marks questions.**

1. Discuss the different water quality parameters. (10)
2. What are the different approaches undertaken for the conservation of water resources? (10)
3. Discuss the influence of population growth on the use of resources. (10)
4. Explain the different patterns of dispersion of animals. Write a note on intraspecific interactions. (6+4=10)
5. Explain the phosphorus cycle with a clear diagram. Write a note on denitrification process. (7+3=10)
6. What are the different indices to calculate energy efficiency in ecosystems? How is ecosystem self-regulated? (5+5=10)
7. Enumerate the different adaptations of organisms in epipelagic zone of ocean. (10)
8. a) Write note on chaparral biome. (6+4=10)
b) Distinguish between positive and negative estuary.
9. What are the different modes of heterotrophic nutrition? (10)
10. a) Discuss the different processes for soil formation. (8+2=10)
b) What is Gaia hypothesis?